CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for a secure supply chain management framework, comprising:

a) registering a plurality of users including suppliers, distributors, and stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;

b) maintaining the registered users on a list; Col. 11

c) collecting data from a plurality of stores of the supply chain utilizing the network;

d) updating the list to add, edit, and delete the users utilizing the network;

e) receiving a request for access to the data utilizing the network, the request including an identifier;

f) comparing the identifier against the list; and

g) displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data upon the successful comparison of the identifier against the list.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the identifier includes a password.

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3. The method of claim 1, wherein the data is encrypted.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the list is updated upon receipt of a notice from at least one of the stores.

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5. The method of claim 1, wherein only certain data is displayed based on the user being one of the suppliers, distributors, and stores.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

7. A system for a secure supply chain management framework, comprising:

a) logic for registering a plurality of users including suppliers, distributors, and stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;
b) logic for maintaining the registered users on a list;
c) logic for collecting data from a plurality of stores of the supply chain utilizing the network;
d) logic for updating the list to add, edit, and delete the users utilizing the network;
e) logic for receiving a request for access to the data utilizing the network, the request including an identifier;
f) logic for comparing the identifier against the list; and
g) logic for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data upon the successful comparison of the identifier against the list.

8. The system of claim 7, wherein the identifier includes a password.

9. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is encrypted.

10. The system of claim 7, wherein the list is updated upon receipt of a notice from at least one of the stores.

11. The system of claim 7, wherein only certain data is displayed based on the user being one of the suppliers, distributors, and stores.

12. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.

13. A computer program product for a secure supply chain management framework, comprising:
a) computer code for registering a plurality of users including suppliers, distributors, and stores of a supply chain utilizing a network;
b) computer code for maintaining the registered users on a list;
c) computer code for collecting data from a plurality of stores of the supply chain utilizing the network;

d) computer code for updating the list to add, edit, and delete the users utilizing the network;

e) computer code for receiving a request for access to the data utilizing the network, the request including an identifier;

f) computer code for comparing the identifier against the list; and

g) computer code for displaying a network-based interface for allowing access to the data upon the successful comparison of the identifier against the list.

14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the identifier includes a password.

15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the data is encrypted.

16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the list is updated upon receipt of a notice from at least one of the stores.

17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein only certain data is displayed based on the user being one of the suppliers, distributors, and stores.

18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the Internet.